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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1883.

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BLOCKS.

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Hongkong, 11th May, 1883. [340]

Insurances.

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

(CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....\$1,000,000.)

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
etc. Policies granted to all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [106]

GENERAL NOTICE.

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(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000, EQUAL \$833,333.33.
RESERVE FUND.....\$70,848.27.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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MANAGER—HO AME!

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, etc., taken at
CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [601]

YANGTSZE INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000.00
PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....Tls. 940,553.95

DIRECTORS.

H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
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on Shareholders' Capital; all the Profits of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1883. [83]

THE Undersigned have been appointed
AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD
of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

RECORD of AMERICAN AND FOREIGN
SHIPPING.

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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF
CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of Twenty
per cent upon Contributions for the Year
1882 has this day been DECLARED.

Warrant may be had on Application to the
office of the Society on and after the 1st Inst.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [139]

LOST.

ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON between
the Murray Pier and Government House
a GOLD LOCKET with MONOGRAM and
CREST was RECOVERED from the
RETURNING the same to the
HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE
Hongkong, 11th April, 1883. [104]

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been in-
structed by R. LOWE, Esq., No. 1, Mosque
Street, to Sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,

the 19th instant, at 2 O'CLOCK PM.,

THE WHOLE OF HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—

CRETONNE COVERED CHAIRS and
COUCHES, MIRRORS, CURTAINS, CROCK-
ERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, BED-
STEADS, WARDROBES, TOILET
GLASSES, DRESSING TABLES, PIC-
TURES, &c., &c.

ALSO, A COTTAGE PIANO by BUSCHMAN.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—As usual.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1883. [378]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES,
PERFUMERS,IMPORTERS AND EXPORTERS
OF
MANILA CIGARS,
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AERATED WATER S.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
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THE DISPENSARY, FOOCHOW.

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writers, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish *The Hongkong Telegraph* daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before FIVE O'CLOCK will oblige by at once communicating with the Manager.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1883.

A WRITER in last night's *China Mail* is good enough to favor the limited clientele of that effete apology for a newspaper with what he probably considers interesting information regarding the Hongkong Hotel. We are first told that "we are likely to have a hotel worthy of the place at last;" but by what means this desirable end is to be attained, the oracle, singularly enough, does not condescend to explain. He says:—"The present hotel is roomy enough perhaps, but that is about all that can be said in favor of it" and then quotes from Lady BRASSEY'S well known farago of second hand guide-book rubbish a grossly exaggerated statement reflecting most unfairly on the present management of the hotel. Lady BRASSEY'S assertion that the Hongkong Hotel is dirty and ill kept, and the tiffin a "scrappy" sort of meal, (whatever that may mean) is only a little bit nearer the truth than her remarkable statement about the rotten sails of the Chinese junks. No doubt the Hongkong Hotel has been but indifferently managed; however, in common fairness to the lessees, ridiculous exaggerations of the Lady BRASSEY stamp should not be encouraged. If her ladyship expected to get a tiffin for seventy-five cents served in the *recherché* style of a first class Parisian hotel where the charge would be at least fifteen francs, it is not marvellous that such a close observer considered the very substantial repast, provided at such a low figure by the Hongkong Hotel, "scramby."

So far as we are aware, and our sources of information are certainly much superior to those of the anonymous writer for the evening paper, there is not the slightest probability of an opposition establishment to our present principal hotel being organised, and we rather think that the only authority for the statement, is the wonderful imagination of this versatile amateur journalist. It has been perfectly well understood by the community at large for some time past, in fact, even before the last meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Hotel Company, that the Directors have determined on the expiration of the present lease to have the hotel fitted up and conducted as a really high class establishment, in every way suitable to the requirements, and worthy of this important Colony. Arrangements with this aim in view have been under way for several months, and from the enterprising and energetic character of the gentlemen who have taken the matter in hand, we feel perfectly assured that no stone will be left unturned to make the Hongkong Hotel what it certainly ought to be, by far the finest establishment of the kind in the Far East.

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, May 15th.

EXECUTION OF BRADY.

The Phoenix Park murderer Brady, sentenced to death on the 16th ultimo, was hanged this morning at Dublin. The crowd outside the gaol dispersed quietly.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

M. Waddington is empowered with the most friendly assurances to Germany.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A REGULAR Lodge of Victoria, No. 1026, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on Tuesday the 22nd inst., at 8.30 or 9 p.m. precisely.

A HOSPITAL for Mussulman women, presided over exclusively by Russian female doctors, has been established by General Tchernajeff at Tashkend. This is the first time that Russian women have been admitted to separate and independent medical practice.

A SCOTTISH laird surprised his friends at dinner by affirming that the finest grapes he had ever eaten were grown in the open air in Fifeshire. Their surprise was moderated, however, when he returned to the subject and added:—"But I must premise that I prefer them soon."

PROFESSOR Huxley said in a recent lecture:—"If a man cannot get literary culture of the highest kind out of his Bible, and Chaucer, and Shakespeare, and Milton, and Hobbes, and Bishop Berkeley, to mention only a few of our illustrious writers, he cannot get it out of anything."

At Sebastopol a new Government dock has just been commenced. It will take the place of one which was destroyed during the famous siege by the allied armies more than twenty-five years ago. It will require three years to complete it and the estimated cost is \$20,000,000.

A CORRESPONDENT writes to the London *Pall Mall Gazette* that "of the 7,500 members of the bar of England, 13 per cent appear to be in practice here, and 50 per cent appear not to practice at all. Still the 37 per cent who are in practice here amount in all to 2,700, so that, when opened, the nineteen courts in the new Law Courts could each be provided with a separate bar consisting of about 145 practising counsel."

THE Canton-Kowloon Wa Hop Telegraph Company have considered it advisable to fix their temporary terminus on the mainland at a spot rather nearer Hongkong than the village of Chin Wan, and from our personal observations made on a recent visit to the last named place we consider the Company have acted most judiciously in bringing their present headquarters at this end of the line within easy distance of the city of Victoria. After a careful survey, the bay directly opposite Stonecutter Island, known as Kow Po Kang, has been decided upon as the most suitable spot for the temporary station, and the construction of the line from Chin Wan will be at once proceeded with. Kow Po Kang can be reached by steam launch from Hongkong in about a quarter of an hour, so that, until the permission of the Earl of Derby has been obtained to lay the cable across the harbour to Hongkong, the delay in the transmission of messages has been reduced to a minimum.

THE paragraph to the effect that H.M.S. *Vigilant* was to leave Shanghai for Japan on the 9th instant to convey Sir Harry Parkes to China, which we reproduced from the *Shanghai Mercury* on Monday, would appear to be without a vestige of truth. We have later advices which state that the *Vigilant* with Admiral Willes and his staff on board, also the band of the flag-ship *Audacious*, was still at Shanghai and likely to remain there for about ten days. The report of the appointment of Sir Harry Parkes as Minister to Peking had been received with considerable doubt in informed circles. As Sir Thomas Wade's leave does not expire until June, the announcement that Sir Harry Parkes would shortly quit Tokio for the Chinese capital is certainly premature and must be taken with a great deal of reserve. Presuming that the appointment has been made, which, under all circumstances can hardly be doubted, it is improbable that the new ambassador to China will proceed to his post until late in the summer.THE British Museum has just closed the purchase of the valuable Ashburnham collection, and now it is announced that another collection, equal if not superior to it, will soon be put upon the market, the property of the late Duke of Osuna, in Spain. The Osuna collection comprises 35,000 rare books, with 7,000 manuscripts, among which is the original MS. of "Romance of the Rose," for which the German Government has repeatedly offered \$20,000, and *Las Casas'* manuscript copy of Columbus' Diary, with a splendid, miscellaneous collection of historical and artistic relics and bric-a-brac. The Spanish Government is anxious to retain this valuable collection in Spain, and the people are impudent in their demands to have it bought for the National Museum, but the price, \$1,000,000, causes some hesitation.

A MEDICAL commission was appointed some time ago in Germany to study and investigate certain questions relating to the construction of school buildings. In the matter of ventilation the Commission states that each pupil in a school ought to have 2,120 cubic feet of fresh air each hour, at the least. It is stated, also, that light from the rear is admissible, but is not recommended, and windows facing the pupils are prohibited. Walls of neighboring buildings painted white and reflecting the sunshine into the school room are very injurious, and the owners should be persuaded or obliged to paint them of a dark color. The inside face of the walls of the school room itself is to be painted pale blue or bluish white, and the ceiling pure white. Artificial light should be used without hesitation on dark and short days. It is more dangerous to work by insufficient daylight than by gaslight. Argand burners are preferable, as giving a steadier light, and ground glass globes are objectionable on account of the large proportion of light which they absorb.

THE eucalyptus is being recognised as the best purifier of malarial districts. A debate took place recently in the Italian Parliament, in which this subject was brought up. For some years past systematic agricultural operations have been carried on at the Abbey of the Tre Fontane, in the Roman Campagna, and the results have been most satisfactory. At first the monks were obliged to live within the city walls during the bad season; but since the ground has come under cultivation, and, above all, since the eucalyptus globulus has been planted on a large scale in the neighborhood the Abbey has been inhabited all the year round, and the fevers from which its inmates still sometimes suffer are of a mild character and rarely fatal, whereas, at the outset something like a fourth of the little community succumbed every year. The debate proved that the health of the 200 convicts employed on the works was satisfactory, the average annual deaths from malaria not exceeding three. The Government has lately made a very large grant of land in perpetuity to the Trappists, who have already planted on it no fewer than 100,000 eucalyptus trees, which are all doing well.

A REGULAR Lodge of Perseverance No. 1165, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, to-night at 8.30 or 9 p.m. precisely.

It is said that in many parts of Spain, farming operations have made little or no progress since the expulsion of the Moors. The same sort of plough is used now as then, oxen tread out the corn after the ancient Oriental fashion, and women separate the chaff from the corn by tossing the grain up in the air during a breeze of wind.

LARGE quantities of beef are used in the London hospitals to make beef tea. The beef which is left after the tea is made is a stringy, indigestible substance, and has, until recently, been sold at a low rate to feed pigs. But the vicar of the little village of High Roding, in Essex, writes to the *Guardian* saying that the laboring and farming population of that part of the country think it delicious, and are eager to obtain it. He has made arrangements to have all such meat sent from the London hospitals to feed the poor creatures who would otherwise never taste meat.

AN eminent Judge used to say that, in his opinion, the very best thing ever said by a witness to a counsel was the reply given to Mr. Missing, the barrister, at the time leader of his circuit. He was defending a prisoner charged with stealing a donkey. The prosecutor had left the animal tied up to a gate, and when he returned it was gone. Missing was very severe in his examination of the witness. "Do you mean to say, witness, the donkey was stolen from the gate?" "I mean to say, sir," giving the Judge and jury a sly look, at the same time pointing to the counsel, "the ass was Missing."

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YACHT RACE.

One of the most interesting yacht races of the season was brought to a satisfactory conclusion on Monday last. The event had been originally set for the previous Saturday, but owing to bad weather had to be postponed. The following entries came to the starting point—

Arrow.....Mr. R. Cooke.

Sunflower.....Dr. Von der Horck.

Marie.....Mr. J. H. Smith.

Obasan.....Captain Houghton.

The course was the usual one, with the exception that instead of rounding Green Island a Danish barque lying off Stonecutter Island was selected as the turning point.

A good start was effected, all the boats getting off in capital style under a full spread of canvas, and they kept well together to the first turning point, which they rounded in the following order—

H. M.

Sunflower.....3.7

Obasan.....3.8

Marie.....3.10

Arrow.....3.10

There being a moderate breeze from the South the boats went skimming along. On the way the Channel rocks, different courses were taken; the *Sunflower* and *Marie* keeping more on the Kowloon side while the *Obasan* and *Arrow* stood towards the Hongkong shore. However, after a time they all came together again off the Kowloon Docks, the *Sunflower* still slightly leading. Afterward she fell astern on account of the topsail yardsails suddenly giving way. Nearing the Channel rocks the four competitors drew together in a cluster again and it was an unusual sight to see them rounding one close upon the other in almost even line as follows—

H. M.

Obasan.....4.15

Marie.....4.15

weekly matches of the Cricket and Rowing Clubs. Then will come the summer hiatus when it is too hot for any out-door sports and after that we may look out for occasional entertainments at the Lyceum Theatre, when the members of our talented A.D.C. don socks and tuck in "strut their weary hour upon the stage." This is essentially a theatre-going place and a good company can generally rely on well-filled houses as long as they do not eat out their welcome and attempt to trade on a spurious reputation which they imagine they gained elsewhere. Our mutual friend Daniel Edward Bandmann made this mistake and suffered accordingly. Those who had seen Phelps or Irving in Hamlet, of whom there are many here, were not going to mistake Bandmann's moustaches and bellowings for the ring of the genuine metal. Some people thought Daniel Edward would be here again this season; but he knew a trick worth two of that as before he could reach Shanghai he would have to run the gauntlet of Hongkong, and the climate of Hongkong is rather warm at this time of the year, and Daniel would find it so in many ways than one.

Apropos of theatricals, the bare condition of our one theatre has long been an eyesore to its frequenters, and a fund was established some time ago towards its decoration, but subscriptions have not poured in as plentifully as they might have done. Some members of the A.D.C. accordingly hit on a plan for increasing the exchequer and resolved themselves into the Blackbird Minstrels. They gave an entertainment on Saturday night the proceeds of which must have enriched the Decoration Fund very considerably as every part of the house was uncomfortably crowded. Their identity being safely concealed under the disguise of burnt cork they let their friends have it right and left "hit straight out from the shoulder" as you very aptly term it and gave some well directed local ribs, which were principally directed against our City Fathers and the Volunteers. They were rather tough on the commandant about his supposed martinet policy, but to little purpose as he was amongst the audience and joined in the laugh as much as the rest. Such attacks on him are ill-advised as Major Holliday is out and out the best Commandant the S.V.C. have ever had. He is an able administrator, has the red book at his fingers' ends and has inaugurated a scheme which, if properly carried out, will have the effect of placing our little army on a very satisfactory basis.

I suppose by this time Sir George Bowen has the whip and reins of Government fairly in hand, though it is too early to form an estimate of his policy. It is to be hoped that, unlike his predecessor, his tenure of office will be one of contentment and satisfaction. I am no admirer of Sir John Pope Hennessy and never was. I think the community—that is, the foreign community—of Hongkong had only too much reason to complain of him, but they ought at any rate to have given him fair play, and that he can scarcely be said to have had. To use a sporting term, he was handicapped from the start. Prior to his arrival in the colony all sorts of ill reports preceded him and these operated against him. Through their agency a prejudice was created in the public mind and prejudice will go a long way towards closing one's eyes to the truth. So much I think can be plied in defence of your ex-Governor; but my opinion of his pro-native propensities remains unaltered. Lord Ripon has been trying the same game in India and with much the same effect.

Plain, outspoken Journalism always commands respect, even from opponents. I have often differed from you most widely, but I have always admired the courage of conviction you invariably display. Your column exemplified by a bi-weekly sheet published at Singapore is beneath contempt. Your recent paragraph concerning it and its editor was only well deserved but need scarcely have been written. Black sheep of the profession are nobody's enemies but their own. Their names deprive every assertion they advance of every claim to credit, and strip all they write and publish of all chance of being believed or even listened to; and the weapons they aim at others recoil in most instances on their own worthless heads.

We are now plentifully supplied with newspapers in Shanghai; two weeklies and three dailies, exclusive of the North-China Herald and Celestial Empire which are only mail summaries of the Daily News and Courier respectively. Of the two weeklies, one admires us to be temperate in all things, more especially in the use of the cup which cheers and does sometimes inebriate, and the other teaches us how to be good, being the organ of an ultra-evangelical sect whose apostles hold forth on Sundays at the Masonic Hall. Of the dailies, the Mercury is always mercurial and jogs along quietly enough in its appointed groove. The Courier has recently come under new management, taken an independent stand and comments fairly and impartially on men and measures; possessing two veritable short-hand writers it has now the best reporting staff in Shanghai. The Daily News, the once boasted official organ, is but the shadow of its former self, and under the short sighted policy on which it is conducted it is likely to degenerate still further. The self-opinionated sanguine who fills the editorial chair, and whose accession thereto was heralded with a flourish of drums and trumpets, has proved an utter failure. He is either destitute of convictions or else lacks courage to express them, his leaders being generally pointless and composed either of stale hash-ups from his contemporaries or some aesthetic boath that nobody understands, and he is either ignorant of the minor elements of his profession or considers himself above putting his shoulder to the wheel in the same way as his brother editors do. However, it is scarcely worth while wasting space on the Daily News as, thanks to the masterly inefficiency of its present management, it has long ceased to exert a shadow of influence in the Settlement and is fast sinking into an obscurity from which it will probably never arise.

AIR IN MOTION.

Nothing is more closely related to the health and welfare of man than the air he breathes. If it is pure it gives him new vigor. If it is vitiated it depresses his system, and if seriously charged with poisonous elements it sooner or later causes his death. It is full of contradictions. It maintains life and takes it away; it breathes blasta vegetation with winter frost and summer heat; and then, like a new resurrection, it brings forth leaf, bud, blossom and fruit. Malaria is super-induced by serial currents, and are also driven by winds away from infected districts. The air is rarely so pure as to be free from living germs. Every day we take into the chest with the breath legions of microbes, which pass into the veins and arteries and are called by scientists the fish of the blood. These germs are in many forms in the air of the valleys, which is thus said to be loaded with malaria. In the air of the mountains, however, yet has it its own peculiar germs, which are disease-producing, but in a lesser measure, less prone to this propagation.

With such varied and uncertain winds, maximum of the ancient philosophers, "Know thyself," most people, even intelligent, seem unaware of the condition of the atmosphere in which they live. They are blind in the sense that they do not know how to keep the air pure in their dwellings. They are unable to connect fits of illness with certain winds, and therefore cannot take measures of

precaution or find remedies. They build houses in unhealthy locations, perhaps where the winds bring them exhalations from stagnant marshes or pools of fetid matter. They allow themselves to live in city neighborhoods that are imperfectly drained, where a healthy air is impossible, though it is even more important than good food: for while a man eats but a few times a day, he feeds every second on the "chameleon's dish, the air."

Without the air we know that life would be impossible. Unless it were in constant motion life could not be prolonged. Its action, which at one time is scarcely perceptible on the cheek, at another is sufficient to almost raise the ocean from its bed, or move mountains from their bases. What on auspicious occasions is "heaven's delicious breath," or "moaning music" is, when the world is not in harmony, the moloch of the cyclone or the demon of the hurricane, to which the sacrifice of a thousand lives is a pleasant offering. The winds bring the rains which dissolve the solid mountains and wash them down to fill up the plains. They create the forests, keep the lakes and ocean full, mold, model and revivify the earth's surface and constantly rekindle the waving candle of life which death is ever waiting to extinguish. When in time the air passes into the water and the water as it exists in streams, lakes and the ocean becomes part of the earth's crust—as astronomers tell us it surely will—then the end of the planet is at hand and its resolution into the primal elements not far distant. Pending this catastrophe, which need not be expected for at least a million years, and is therefore, merely painful to the imagination, the winds will continue to bring the formers and the latter rains will freeze, burn, scathe, irritate, create and destroy, as they have done since they first whispered to the apple trees in Eden.

A singular moral effect of the wind is noted by travelers in Spain in connection with a periodical air current called the levante. It is so disagreeable that when it is prevailing men are considered only partially responsible for their actions and criminals often escape justice by alleging its influence. The winds follow certain simple laws. Some meteorologists declare that there are only two great currents in the atmosphere, which move from the poles towards the equator to fill the vacuum caused by the heating and rising of the air in that region.

As they approach the equator, they take the motion of the earth and become the constant trade winds. Immediately north of the equator they blow steadily from the northwest. Immediately south of the equator they blow from the southeast. In the temperate zones they blow part of the time from the southeast and part of the time from the northeast. Further modifications of direction ensue from the formation of continents and the heating of the air in special localities. It is always to be remembered that an equilibrium must be maintained; that when the wind blows in one direction there must be an upper current returning, or there must be a change of direction which brings the same amount of air back to the place of starting. If in California we have the wind for several months from the north, we can reasonably expect it will blow from the south thereafter until the balance is restored. The constancy of the returning upper current is illustrated by a singular circumstance, many times observed in Europe. Small particles of dust which fall occasionally in France and Spain were, thought to have been brought from the desert of Sahara until the microscope showed that they could only come from South America, having been blown for thousands of miles across the ocean.

All parts of the world have local winds peculiar in their effects. That of the Indian ocean is called the monsoon. The intense heats of summer raise the temperature of India far above that of the adjoining ocean, with the effect of bringing a tempest, which for several months blows with terrible regularity, inundating the shores and deluging the sea coast with rain. So saturated is it with moisture that the annual rainfall on the slopes of the adjacent mountains reaches 600 inches or fifty feet. The heating of the air above the Desert of Sahara draws the air toward it from all sides. During the whole summer the air masses from Southern Europe are carried over Africa. The returning wind in the spring is called in Italy the sirocco and in Spain the salado. The name of the last has been for some reason given to one of the counties of California. The steady winds blowing from Europe toward Africa during the winter stunt the vegetation of the Balearic isles and enable ships bound from Marseilles to Algiers to make the southward trip in half the time required for the homeward voyage. The John is a continuation of the sirocco into the Alps. It is attended with tempests, yet it is the beginning of spring and it brings new life into the cold, dead Swiss valleys. So hot and dry is it that inspectors go from house to house to see that no fire has been left burning which may kindle a general conflagration.

The mistral is a wind of Southern France, which has been cooled in its passage over the Alps and Apennines. It blows a great portion of the year and is the terror of yachting sailors who have sought Nice or other sanctuaries on the Mediterranean. The mist is also a north wind of France that has its chilly terrains. It corresponds with the bora of the Black and Adriatic seas, a most eccentric and inconvenient wind, whose peculiarities have become historical. It once swooped down on an Austrian army retreating before an Italian force and caused the loss of many lives. So closely does it skim the sea that it takes its surface into the air in the form of fog. The deserts, heated here and there to the temperature of a furnace, have sudden winds that overwhelm caravans and have sometimes destroyed armies. In the central Sahara this wind is called the simoom. In Egypt the khamsin. When it is perceived approaching the camels hide their heads behind the nearest bush; and lie moaning while their drivers make embankments of their bags and boxes of merchandise and shelter themselves till the crisis is passed. The gremal is a wind that prevails on the Gulf of Guinea and to the northward along the African coast for several months in the year. It is accompanied by a fine dust that turns yellow everything it touches. Trees and grass are withered, the sun is dimmed and red as fire. The body becomes parched, furniture is warped, the binding of books scorched. Yet its results are beneficial, the effects of malaria are counteracted and persons sick with fever are restored to health. Winds similar to the simoom prevail on the deserts of Central Asia. In the Alps, in the Himalaya and in all high mountain regions there are whirlwinds in winter perilous to the life of exposed persons.

In temperate regions the north winds are chiefly feared. Our own north wind is an ill-omened bringer of good. The northeasterly wind of New England is dreaded by consumptives. A north easter hastened the death of Lord Beaconsfield. The northerns of Texas, though not of low temperature, often cause death, while the blizzards of Minnesota and the cyclones of the prairie States are among the most fatal of air currents. While the air from the south are the spring winds, the blessed repubs, the delites of the ancients and the Hindoo, in the shape of monsoons and hurricanes they have destroyed millions of lives. They heap their treasures of rain upon the shores and hill-slopes not far distant, but do not pass high mountain chains to deplete with vegetation the great deserts of Asia, Africa and America.—Sunday Chronicle.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

LESSEE and MANAGER E. S. WOLFE.
STAGE MANAGER W. HARLAND.
LEADER OF ORCHESTRA J. NEHOFF.
CONDUCTOR R. THORNE.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
the 17th May.

THE
ASTODON'S
STAR
INSTRUMENTS.

GRAND CHANGE OF
PROGRAMME.

GREAT ATTRACTIONS.

GREAT SUCCESS OF THE SWISS BELL RINGERS.

MOODY AND MORTON
IN THEIR ACROBATIC SONG AND DANCE.

D. A. BOWMAN
IN HIS CHARACTER SONG

"TRAVELLING BOYS TO DIXIE."

R. MOORE
IN HIS SIDE SPLITTING FARCE ENTITLED

"THE YOUNG MAN."

NEW COMIC SONGS.

NEW BALLADS.

NEW WITTICISMS.

NOTICE

ALL MILITARY AND NAVY

In uniform will be admitted any Evening
to the Back Seats for 50 cents.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle \$2.50.

Orchestra Stalls \$2.00.

Back Seats \$1.00.

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's where
Seats can be secured, and where Subscription
Packets are obtainable containing.

6.—Dress Circle Tickets for \$1.2.

6.—Orchestra Stalls for \$1.0.

Doors Open for Sale of Tickets at 8.30.

Performance will commence at 9 o'CLOCK
Sharp.

M. J. ABRAHAMS,
Agent.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [377]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at PORT DARWIN and QUEENSLAND
PORTS, and taking through Cargo to NEW
ZEALAND, NEW CALEDONIA,
FIJI and TASMANIA.)

THE Eastern and Australian Steamship
Company's Chartered Steamer

"GORDON CASTLE."

Captain Waring, will be despatched as above,

TODAY, the 16th instant, at 4 P.M.

Parcels (all of which must be sent to our Office)

will be received up to 4 P.M. on the 15th May.

Contents and Value of Packages must be declared.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th May, 1883. [327]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship

"DIAMANTE,"

Captain Wright, will be despatched for the above

Port, TO-DAY, the 16th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th May, 1883. [381]

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.

THE 3/3 L. I. British Bark,

"ANTOINETTE,"

Bunje, Master, will load here for the above

Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [387]

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 2, with entrance in ARBUTINHOR
ROAD and Windows on WYNDHAM
STREET.

Apply to

V. GUTIERREZ.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1883. [386]

NOTICE.

ST. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG,
NO. 618, S.C.

A REGULAR LODGE will be held in

FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on

FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at 8 for 8.30 P.M.

Precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 10th May, 1883. [370]

HONGKONG RACES, 1883.

NOW READY, PRICE 25 CENTS.

A COMPLETE REPORT

OF THE HONGKONG RACE MEETING OF
1883, IN PAMPHLET FORM.

REPRINTED FROM

THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

As only a limited number has been printed, orders should be sent without delay to the

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

No. 7 Pedder's Hill.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1883.

JUST PUBLISHED.

Intimations.

"NOVELTY STORE,"
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

KAISAR-I-HIND CIGARETTES.

THESE CIGARETTES, which are made of blends of pure TURKISH TOBACCO and RICE PAPER, are now offered at the following Reduced Prices—

BUYERS OF QUANTITIES SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

10,000 @ 55 Cents per

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Noon.
Share business is generally quiet this morning, but doubtless things will get brisker during the course of the afternoon. The only actual sales reported have been in the scrips of the China and Luzon Sugar Refining Companies respectively. Chinas have changed hands for cash at 184, and a fair number of shares might still be placed at that figure. A few Luzons have been sold at \$2 for cash, the stock leaving off rather weak, with sellers at the quotation. Nothing else of the slightest importance has come under our notice.

4 o'clock p.m.

Since noon China Sugars have improved their position, offers to buy at \$187 per share, for cash, not enticing holders to come to terms. Luzons are weaker with sellers at \$80 per share. Other stocks remain as per annexed list.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—16 per cent. premium.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue—14 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$625 per share, sellers.

China Traders' Insurance Company—\$2,400 per share, buyers.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,600 per share, ex div. sellers.

Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$130 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1000 per share, sellers.

Chinese Insurance Company—\$205 per share, sellers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,225 per share, buyers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$340 per share, Hongkong, and Whampoa Dock Company—54 per cent. premium, sellers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$10 per share, premium.

China and Mania Steam Ship Company—\$221 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$180 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—5 per cent. prem. sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$187 per share, buyers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—2 per cent. premium.

Luron Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$80 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$168 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—1 per cent. prem. ex. int.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—3 percent. prem. sales.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T.3/7
Bank Bills, on demand3/7
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight3/7
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight3/8
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight3/8 @ 3/8

ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T.4/6
Bank Bills, on demand4/6
Credits, at 4 months' sight4/6

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T.22/2

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T.22/3

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight7/2
Private, 30 days' sight7/2

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWAper picul, \$530
(Allowance, Taels 12.)
OLD MALWAper picul, \$555
(Allowance, Taels 40.)
NEW PATNAper chest, \$600
OLD PATNA (first choice)per chest, \$585
OLD PATNA (second choice) per chest, \$571
OLD PATNA (bottom)per chest, \$587
OLD PATNA (without choice) per chest\$571
NEW BENARES (high touch) per chest, \$562
NEW BENARES (low touch) per chest, \$555
NEW PERSIANper picul, \$380
(Allowance, Taels 24.)
OLD PERSIANper picul, \$410
(Allowance, Taels 8.)

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

	HON-	AMO-	SHAN-	MAMI-
BAROMETER.	WELL.	WELL.	WELL.	WELL.
THERMOME-	N.	S.	S.	S.
TER. &c.	100.5	84.0	84.0	100.6
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Dry Thermometer.	80.0	74.0	65.0	65.0 68.3 84.0
Wet Thermometer.	70.0	70.0	65.0	65.0 61.0 78.0 80.0
Weather.	bc	bc	bc	c form
Hour's Rain.	—	—	—	cm cm
sunrise fallen.	—	—	—	—

Barometer, level of the sea in inches, tens and hundreds.—Thermometer, in Fahrenheit degrees and tens kept in the open air in a shaded situation.—Direction of Wind, is registered by two points, N., N.E., E., etc.—Force of Wind, from 0 to 3 light breeze, 3 to 6 moderate, 6 to 9 strong, 8 to 10 very strong, 10 to 12 violent.—State of Weather, 0, clear; 1, sky cloudy; 2, rain; 3, fog; 4, snow; 5, sleet; 6, hail; 7, lightning; 8, rain with thunder; 9, rain with lightning; 10, snow with lightning; 11, snow with lightning and sleet; 12, snow with lightning and sleet with snow; 13, snow with lightning and sleet with snow and sleet; 14, snow with lightning and sleet with snow and sleet with snow; 15, snow with lightning and sleet with snow and sleet with snow and sleet; 16, snow with lightning and sleet with snow and sleet with snow and sleet with snow; 17, snow with lightning and sleet with snow and sleet with snow and sleet with snow; 18, snow with lightning and sleet with snow and sleet with snow and sleet with snow; 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